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Canterbury Maternity Association
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1934-35

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Hon. Secretary (Acting): MRS. H. WACHER, Eddington House, London Rd.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: MISS WATSON, 29 Watling Street.

Hon. Treasurer: C. H. AITKEN, ESQ., Vernon Grange.

The Management Committee meets quarterly in the third week of the month.

*The Executive and Finance Committee meets monthly on the second Monday,
at 2.30 p.m.*

All Meetings are held at the Hostel.

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REPORT, 1934-35.

The Management Committee feel proud to be able to record in this, their Fifteenth Annual Report, that the work of the Hostel has been maintained at the previous high level of efficiency. A careful scrutiny has recently been made of all the case records, as a result of which some very satisfactory information has been obtained. First and foremost stands the fact that there have been no maternal deaths in some 1,260 consecutive cases, a statement which is best amplified when it is taken into consideration that the maternal death rate, due to childbirth, for the country as a whole, is considerably more than 4 per 1,000. From this it would appear that the work of the Hostel has obtained a maximum possible as regards efficiency, and should provide an example for the improvement of the death rate, in the City particularly. Moreover, Dr. Janet Campbell, in the official report on Maternal Mortality published by the Ministry of Health, gives several recommendations with the purpose of decreasing this death rate, one of which is "the provision of greater hospital accommodation for maternity cases."

Turning next to the morbidity (or invalidism) rate in connection with childbirth, it is found that our figure is as low as 3.25%, which compares very favourably with statistics that are available from similar institutions.

Another feature of satisfaction is obtained in connection with the infant mortality rate. In the total number of cases admitted, which include 14 pairs of twins, there have been only 48 stillbirths and 23 deaths, giving percentages of 3.9 and 1.9 respectively, with a total of 71 in 1,250 births. This compares with advantage to figures of 61 in 846 cases, recorded recently in a medical journal, which were received with much acclamation in the lay press. Of the 48 stillbirths recorded in our Hostel, 27 were quite unavoidable and 21 were the outcome of complications during labour. Efficient ante-natal supervision is undoubtedly responsible for such low figures.

The Management Committee consider that these figures should be placed before the public as concrete proof of the good work which the Hostel is performing at a time when maternal mortality is receiving so much publicity, and they hope that it will form an inducement to encourage that further financial support which is urgently required to maintain the much-needed services for the poorer mothers of the City and neighbourhood.

The Management Committee regret to state that the standard of efficiency in the Hostel has recently been the cause of an unfortunate

conflict of opinion among its members, as a result of which three resignations have taken place. It is felt that such situations are greatly to be deplored, since the whole purpose of the Committee should be directed towards the maintenance of the highest state of efficiency, a condition which is considered to be amply fulfilled by the present record. At the same time the Committee desire to place on record a vote of thanks to those retiring members for their assistance in the past.

It is a matter of great regret to note that the Kent County Council did not see their way to continue their grant of £50, which was made for the first occasion in the previous year. In consideration that approximately one third of the total patients admitted to the Hostel during each year reside in the County area, the Committee hope that the County Council may be able to make some recognition of this fact in the near future, in a similar manner as that shown by the City Council.

During the past year the Management Committee has suffered severe losses. Mrs. Higgins, who had acted untiringly and impartially as Honorary Secretary for over 5 years, has been compelled to resign for the reason that she has left Canterbury. A hearty vote of thanks is due to her for the tactful manner in which she carried out her duties. Death has removed two of the Association's oldest and staunchest friends in the persons of Dr. Frank Wachter and the Rev. Ramsay Sparkes. Dr. Frank Wachter had been President continuously since the opening of the Hostel, and it was under his help and guidance as Medical Officer of Health that the venture of a Hostel was undertaken. By his death the Association has lost a benefactor who can hardly be replaced. The Rev. Ramsay Sparkes was Hon. Chaplain to the Hostel for many years, and his peaceful character and influence were conspicuous on all occasions; he was Chairman of the Special Sub-Committee entrusted to draw up the present constitution, which has done so much to place the affairs of the Association on a sound basis.

During the past year the original object of the Trust, namely the provision of District Nurses to attend patients in their own homes, has been carried out with the same degree of efficiency as that maintained in the Hostel.

In conclusion the Management Committee desire to record most grateful thanks to the Canterbury City Council for the assistance they have given in the form of grants towards the ever necessary maintenance.



THE CONSTITUTION.

1. The Association shall be called the "Canterbury Maternity Association."
2. The objects of the Association shall be to supply highly-trained nurse midwives to attend, in their confinements, such Mothers as are unable to afford treatment by Doctors with resident private nurses (in pursuance of the Trust founded in 1801), and such mothers as are able to afford an approved fee provided accommodation is available, such fees to be approved by the Executive and Finance Committee; and to further in every possible way the health of expectant mothers.
3. The Honorary Officers of the Association shall consist of not more than three Patrons, a President, the Trustees of the Hostel (one being the Hon. Solicitor), the Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, and not more than twelve Vice-Presidents, all except the Trustees being elected annually by the Subscribers. Only Subscribers who have paid their subscriptions are eligible as Vice-Presidents. The Hon. Officers of the Hostel shall consist of the Hon. Chaplain and the Hon. Medical Officer.
4. The Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Chaplain, and Honorary Medical Officer shall be *ex-officio* members of the Management Committee, and if subscribers, be entitled to vote on that Committee only.
5. The affairs of the Association shall be administered by a Management Committee of not less than fourteen or more than twenty-four members, including the *ex-officio* members, elected at the Annual General Meeting of Subscribers, and two members who may be nominated by the City Council, with power to fill up vacancies as they occur. This Committee shall be responsible for the due administration of the income of the Trust Fund and all moneys received by the Association.
6. The Management Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only.
7. Nine members shall form a Quorum of the Management Committee.

8. The Management Committee shall meet quarterly to transact the ordinary business of the Association. No alteration in the Constitution of the Association shall be made without the assent of a General Meeting of Subscribers.
9. The Management Committee shall hold its first meeting within fourteen days after election, at which meeting the following sub-committee shall be elected :—

- (1) An Executive and Finance Committee consisting of six members of the Management Committee.

NOTE.—The House Committee shall be a Sub-Committee of the Executive and Finance Committee, and it shall be elected by and from members of that Committee, with power to co-opt not more than two subscribers in addition to those elected from the Executive and Finance Committee. Further, that this House Committee shall only be called upon to meet at the discretion of the Chairman of the Executive and Finance Committee.

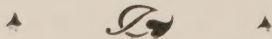
10. Duties of the Executive and Finance Committee :—

- (1) To be responsible to the Management Committee for the policy and general administration of the Association, including the final selection and dismissal of the nursing staff, and to deal with all financial matters.
- (2) To report to the Management Committee at its quarterly meetings.
- (3) To consider application for admission to the Hostel and to decide what fee (if any) is to be charged.
- (4) To exercise general supervision and control over the internal management of the Hostel and to ensure that a technical inventory is maintained.
- (5) To confirm the ordering of all requirements, including the necessary drugs, dressings, medical and household supplies, and urgent small repairs which shall be ordered by the Matron.
- (6) To appoint for specified periods one or more lady members of the Committee to inspect and visit the Hostel weekly, at suitable and proper times, and sign the Visitors' Book at each visit, entering any complaints or recommendations which she may have received or wishes to make. Such book shall be laid before the Committee at their next meeting for their consideration and such action as the Committee may consider necessary.

11. The Treasurer shall present a monthly summary of accounts at the monthly meetings of the Executive and Finance Committee, together with all cheques for signature by any two of the following, namely, the Chairman, Hon. Secretary, or Hon. Treasurer. Cheques shall be paid in as received, on the endorsement of the Hon. Treasurer or Hon. Secretary. The Treasurer shall keep proper books of account necessary to prepare the summary for the Annual General Meeting, and all necessary returns.
12. It shall be within the power of any twelve Subscribers, who have paid their subscriptions for the current year, to demand a Special General Meeting for the purpose of discussing any question of the administration or policy of the Association. This request must be delivered in writing to the Secretary, signed by the persons desiring to call a Meeting.
13. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of Subscribers in the month of April to receive the Report and Financial Statement, and to elect the officers of the Association and the officers of the Hostel for the ensuing year.
14. New Subscribers joining after 1st January shall not be called upon for a further subscription until after 1st April in the following year.

Only Subscribers who have paid their subscriptions for the current or previous year shall be entitled to receive notice of a General or Special Meeting or to vote thereat.

That Subscribers whose subscriptions are more than eighteen months in arrear shall have their names removed from the annual list.



GIFTS RECEIVED.

The Management Committee desire to express very grateful thanks to all those who have made gifts to the Hostel during the past year. These gifts include donations of money, fruit, vegetables, eggs, jam, poultry, cakes, linen and blankets for babies, flowers and books.

Among the donors are: Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Stanley Collard, the late Dr. Bremner, Mrs. Bromley, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Colthup, Mrs. Hewett, Mrs. Inge, Messrs. Lefevre, Mrs. S. Mount, Miss Plummer, Nurse Piles, Mrs. Poile, Mrs. Trinder, Messrs. Vye and Sons, the late Rev. Ramsay Sparkes, the late Dr. F. Wachter, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Wachter, Dr. and Mrs. Stewart Wachter, Mrs. Sidney Wachter, Mrs. and Miss Willmore, and Viscountess Milner.

Also for Harvest Thanksgiving gifts from Sturry and Fordwich Churches.

Special thanks are again due to Mrs. Bacon and her Working Party for the care of the linen and for many useful gifts; to Miss Willmore and Mrs. H. Wachter for stock work; to the members of Toc H League of Women Helpers for assistance with the mending; to the Old Stagers for their most helpful donation; and last, but not least, to the Matron and her helpers who worked so hard to collect £36 for the Institution on Heather Day.

Various amounts and donations received were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Heather Day (organised by the Matron)	36	0	2
Old Stagers	10	10	0
100 Shilling Fund (the Matron)	5	0	0
Tennis Tournament (Miss Bacon)	5	0	0
The Kent County Police	5	0	0
Exhibition of Dr. Stewart Wachter's Model Railway ...	2	7	4
Amalgamated Friendly Societies	6	0	0
Women's Wheel of Service	5	5	0
National Council of Social Services (in memory of Viscount Milner)	5	0	0

The Committee also wish to extend thanks to:—

Mrs. Higgins (late Hon. Secretary).
 Miss Watson (late Assistant Hon. Secretary).
 Mr. C. H. Aitken (Hon. Treasurer).
 Mr. Frank Furley (Hon. Solicitor).
 Rev. H. Parker (Hon. Chaplain).
 Dr. Stewart Wachter (Hon. Medical Officer).
 Messrs. Larking & Larking (Hon. Auditors).
 Mr. H. Biggleston (Hon. Advisory Engineer).
 Mrs. Harold Wachter (Acting Hon. Secretary).

NUMBER OF CASES ATTENDED DURING THE YEAR ENDED
MARCH 31st, 1935.

HOSTEL.

Number of Cases admitted from Canterbury ...	...	...	51
„ „ County of Kent ...	...	...	32
			—
Total ...	...	...	83
			—

Doctors were engaged for 54 of the above cases.

Number of Ante-natal attendances at the Hostel ...	...	441
Number of cases on the books at the end of the year ...	...	36

DISTRICT.

Number of Midwifery cases ...	...	...	49
Number of cases with Doctors engaged ...	...	...	14
			—
Total ...	...	...	63
			—

ANALYSIS OF VISITS.

Midwifery ...	...	63
Monthly Nursings ...	...	921
Ante-natal ...	...	224
Post-natal ...	...	137
		—
Total ...	...	1345
		—

Number of cases on the books at the end of the year ...	...	20
Total number of cases attended by the Association during year		146

A. F. H. MAYCOCK, *Matron.*

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st March, 1935

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
1934, April 1,	1935, Mar. 31.	£	s. d.	1935, Mar. 31.	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cash in Hand	...	5	8 2	By Salaries	...	375 6 5	
Cash at Bank	...	230 18 5	236 6 7	Wages	...	147 8 1	522 14 6
1935, Mar. 31.				Maintenance	...	305 5 8	
Subscriptions	...	58 1 0		Laundry	...	35 2 3	
Donations	...	1 5 0		Housekeeping Sundries	...	12 14 10	
Donations from Old Stagers				Medical Supplies	...	47 11 1	
" " Women's Wheel		10 10 0	59 6 0	Lighting, Heating and Water	...	100 16 6	501 10 4
" " of Service		5 5 0		Rent of Bedroom	...	12 0 0	
" " National Social				Rates	...	21 4 0	
Services		5 0 0		Telephone	...	15 9 2	
" County Police		5 0 0		Insurance	...	12 1 3	
" Canterbury				Wayleave of Dane John	...	1 0 0	
" Friendly Societies		6 0 0	31 15 0	Printing, Stationery and	...	14 17 7	
Hostel Fees	...	510 9 8		Advertising	...		
District Fees	...	83 1 0		Petty Cash (Postages, Stationery	...	23 3 7	
Interest on War Loan	...	57 16 6	593 10 8	and Sundries)	...	3 3 0	102 18 7
Int. on Corporation Stock (net)		2 7 11		Sundries	...		1 1 0
Proceeds of Heather Day	...	36 0 2	60 4 5	Kent County Nursing Association	...		
" " 100 Shilling Fund	...	5 0 0		Furniture and Equipment	...	23 12 8	
" " Tennis Tournament,	...	5 0 0		Repairs to Property	...	77 8 11	
(For Linen)	...			Cash at Bank	...	83 12 5	1229 6 0
" Exhibition of Dr.	...			Petty Cash in Hand	...	4 11 9	88 4 2
" Wachter's Model Railway		2 7 4	48 7 6				
Grants:—							
Canterbury City Council	...	50 0 0					
From Central Block Grant							
(per City Council)	238 0 0		288 0 0				£1317 10 2
31, St. George's Place, Canterbury,							
and at Maidstone and London.							
			£1317 10 2				

Audited and found correct.

LARKING AND LARKING, Hon. Auditors,
Chartered Accountants.
18th April, 1935.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

D Denotes Donations.

* Denotes that the subscription shown is for the previous year. It is earnestly hoped that these subscribers will take this notice as a reminder and will forward their subscriptions to the Honorary Treasurer as soon as possible.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Aitken, Mrs. C. H. ...	1	1	0	*Horn, Mrs. ...	2	6	
Aitken, C. H., Esq. ...	1	1	0	*Hubble, Mrs. Lloyd ...	10	0	
*Allen, Mrs. ...	2	6		Iliff, Miss ...	5	0	
Amalgamated Friendly Society ...	6	0	0	Ingleton, Mrs. ...	2	6	
*Anderson, Mrs. G. K. ...	1	1	0	Jukes, Mrs. ...	1	1	0
Arrowsmith, Mrs. ...	10	6		Kenrick, Mrs. ...	10	0	
Bacon, Mrs. and Miss ...	5	0		Kingsford, Miss L. C. ...	2	6	
Bacon, H. V., Esq. ...	1	0	0	Loché, Miss ...	1	1	0
*Biggleston, Mrs. F. R. ...	2	6		Longhurst, Mrs. ...	2	6	
*Birley, Mrs. ...	10	0		Love, The Misses ...	10	0	
*Bone, Mrs. ...	2	6		*Lucas, Dr. and Mrs. ...	1	1	0
Boorman, Mrs. ...	10	0		Marshall, H. W., Esq. ...	10	0	
Bouch, Mrs. and Miss ...	10	0		McLaren, Dr. and Mrs. ...	1	1	0
Bradford, Mrs. ...	10	0		*Metcalf, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Bradley, Mr. & Mrs. E. A. J. ...	10	6		*Miles, H. O., Esq. ...	1	1	0
*Brice, Mrs. ...	10	0		Milner, The Viscountess ...	2	2	0
DBurgess, C. E., Esq. ...	10	0		*Mount, Mrs. H. G. ...	10	0	
Burnside, Mrs. ...	1	1	0	*Mount, Mrs. Spencer ...	1	1	0
Buss, Mrs. ...	10	0		Mourilyean, The Misses ...	5	0	
Cadman, Mrs. ...	10	0		DNational Council of Social Services (in Memory of Viscount Milner) ...	5	0	0
Cardew, Mrs. ...	5	0		Nicholls, Cmdr. ...	1	0	0
*Collard, Mrs. Stanley ...	1	0	0	Nicholls, Dr. Grace ...	1	0	0
*Colthup, Mrs. ...	1	12	6	Nowell, Mr. and Mrs. ...	10	0	
DCoombes, Mrs.	5	0		D"Old Stagers" ...	10	10	0
Cotton, Dr. and Mrs. ...	10	0		Orchard, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Cremer, Mrs. H. L. H. ...	10	0		Patterson, Miss ...	5	0	
*Davis, Lady ...	2	2	0	Payne, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Dean, The Very Rev. the... ..	5	0		Pembroke, Mrs. ...	5	0	
Edwards, Mr. & Mrs. J. W. ...	1	1	0	Plummer, Miss ...	2	2	0
*Findlay, Col. and Mrs. ...	10	0		DPolice, The Kent County... ..	5	0	0
*Finn, Mrs. George ...	5	0		*Pomfret, Mrs. ...	10	6	
*Finn, Mrs. Geoffrey ...	10	6		Potts, Mrs. ...	10	0	
Flight, Mrs. ...	1	0	0	Pringle, Dr. ...	1	0	0
Fox, Mrs. ...	12	0		Rickards, Mrs. ...	10	0	
*Fyffe, Dr. and Mrs. ...	1	1	0	Sheppard, Grady and Bird, The Revs. ...	10	0	
Gambell, Mrs. ...	5	0		Sparkes, The late Rev. Ramsay ...	10	0	
Gardener, Mrs. ...	2	6		Surtees, Mrs. ...	1	1	0
*Garlick, Dr. Hilda ...	10	0		*Sutcliffe, P. S. C., Esq. ...	1	1	0
Halhed, Miss ...	1	1	0	Trimnell, Miss ...	10	0	
Hardcastle, Hon. Mrs. ...	10	0		Truman, Mrs. ...	2	2	0
*Hardy, C., Esq. ...	2	2	0	Uthwatt, Mrs. Chapman... ..	1	1	0
Hardy, Lady Katharine ...	3	0	0	Wacher, The late Dr. F... ..	1	1	0
Harrison, Dr. H. H. ...	1	0	0	Wacher, Mrs. F. ...	1	1	0
Harvey, Mrs. J. J. ...	5	0		Wacher, Drs. H. & H. S. ...	3	10	0
Harvey, J., Esq. ...	5	0					
Hewett, Mrs. ...	1	0	0				
DHilliard, Miss ...	10	0					

	£	s.	d.	<i>Received during the current year.</i>		
Wacher, Mrs. H. ...	10	0				
Wacher, Mrs. H. S. ...	10	0				
Wacher, Mrs. Sidney ...	10	0				
Wacher, Miss J. ...	5	0				
Wayland, Sir William ...	1	1	0	Baldwin, Mrs. ...	1	1 0
Whigham, Mrs. ...	5	0	0	Bell, S. M., Esq. ...	10	6
Williamson, Mrs. H. ...	1	1	0	Bell, Miss ...	10	6
Williamson, the late Mrs. Stephen ...	1	1	0	Dadds, Mrs. L. T. ...	2	6
Williamson, Mrs. Stephen, Junior ...	1	1	0	Evill, the Rev. ...	5	0
Womens Wheel of Service	5	5	0	Kingsford, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. (2 years). ...	1	0 0
Wood, F. Esq., His Worship the Mayor ...	1	1	0	Musgrave, Mrs. ...	1	1 0
				Rogerson, Dr. (2 years) ...	2	2 0
				Willey, Mrs. ...	2	6
				Windybank, Mrs. ...	5	0

NOTE.—Subscriptions are now due for the current year; it would save the Hon. Treasurer considerable work if subscribers would forward their subscriptions without waiting for special reminder notices to be sent out.



